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Seattle, Wash.,
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Mr. Lee R. Bonnewitz,
Van Wert, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Bonnewitz:

I am sorry to learn by yours of the 31st ult., that you will not be able to furnish me any of the scarce and new varieties of top-notch Peonies the coming spring, for those you shipped me last March grew apparently as fast as though they were still in the ground at Van Wert, and many of them bloomed the following June.

In this same connection I think I ought to say to you that though I have bought Peonies in nearly all sections of the United States and have also imported them from the producers in Europe, I have never seen better, cleaner, or more sturdy young roots than those you have sent me on various orders.

I have a very large selection of the world's best varieties and the vigorous growth they make in this Puget Sound country is simply marvelous; and this is very noticeably so in the case of those you sent me.

I like the light and strong cartons you use as containers and their use saves me much in express charges. Some growers in this country use heavy soap boxes for this purpose and they weigh much more than the roots enclosed. This is discouraging to the purchaser and wholly unnecessary.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

IVAN W. GOODNER.

*NOTE: The March shipment referred to was forwarded
from Van Wert March 16, 1922*

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